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So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 10:32-33
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When I started in tech sales circa 2007, one of the first things they said in training was, you don't want to sound like vendor verbal vomit. This blog is vendor verbal vomit. The only thing I have to sell is sin, confusion, blindness, vice, disorder, profanity, despair, and death. I hear that sometimes the Holy Spirit uses this

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The gospel is a rupture, monkey wrench, an assault on evil and lies and collage of cliches and foolishness to do some good.

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the powers of darkness that imprison all of God's beloved children.

The gospel is not 'Sophia' 'sophisticated.' It is a violent bloody spectacle that reveals the bankruptcy of conventional thinking and worldly wisdom. It is utter foolishness…and an escape hatch from the misery of the human condition and existential despair.

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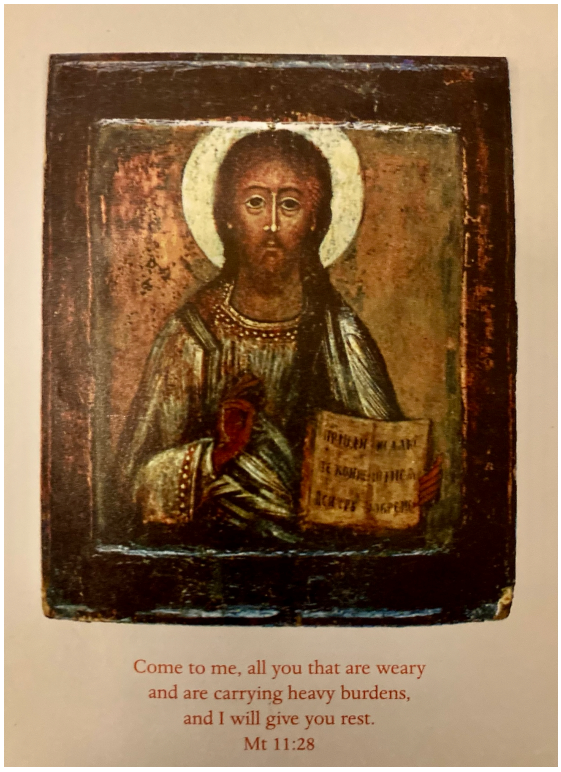

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part of a letter from Saint Paul that I just remembered a bout

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Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. We have renounced disgraceful,

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underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the likeness of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

here are some one-liners I pulled from the archives August 8, 2025

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Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

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hypocrite with logs in my eyes. (Matthew 7:3-5)

Admiring the counterintuitive way. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

As some may know, I am unemployed. Macroeconomic factors have massively affected the job market in the technology sector. For my role in particular demand has gone from first to worst. I am thankful that–in large part due to this Henri Nouwen video–that I had already disentangled my sense of self-worth and identity from my career (if that word *career* really means anything anymore or ever did…it is largely a cultural artifact of industrialization and urbanization.) I have been trying to approach this situation responsibly and prayerfully–consulting with trusted and knowledgeable people and keeping an open mind about how God is leading me.

I continue to look to the example of Saint Joseph as a model of balancing family responsibilities and spiritual life. But I have been carrying this cross of unemployment for many months now. I have tried to approach this situation from a place of surrender and trust–rather than frantic activity and fear.

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But I was praying the rosary today during a moment of quiet and something kind of clicked. I have been in a place where I am trying to do what God calls me to do moment by moment *and at the same time*–

trying to ***listen to what kinds of jobs God wants me to look for and not look for*** and ***what I should do about that*** and ***who I should reach out to*** and ***when I should try to find extra quiet time*** **to really really** ***listen to God about a specific question or action item or missing piece of information*** that I am waiting on in order to keep doing His will as it relates to my job search. Sometimes this is accompanied by ***fleeting speculation about God potentially wanting to radically change our family's long-term financial situation*** in order to teach us some kind of spiritual lesson. Then I would have more thoughts about trusting my family into God's hands while also thinking about my role in that as a provider–***am I doing enough of my part to provide or to try to provide–to prevent any unnecessary suffering for my family***, while still maintaining faith that God would ultimately provide for them even if I failed.

But when I got to the first "our father" in the rosary…which is the Lord's

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prayer…something clicked.

Here is the Lord’s prayer:

Pray then like this:

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our debts,

As we also have forgiven our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

Matthew 6:9-13

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“Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

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stumbled across this–It's not just about being single or married, it's about the joy of understanding our life

"***Thy*** will be done." Full stop. Including a full stop of the analysis.

In other words, I just need to focus on following God's will. That's it. I don't need to be a project manager of God's will. If there is one thing that I have learned about walking with God it is that all information is given on a need-to-know basis.

(Cf. Matthew 10:19-20 RSV

"When they deliver you up, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.")

I am a part of a much larger story–God's story–and I'm not the center of it. I don't need to–and it's impossible to–figure it all out.

My job is to listen to what God says and then do it. Of course, easier said than done. But God is aware of that too. He is aware of all of my human frailty, ignorance, bias, selfishness, greed, ego-centrism, woundedness, exhaustion, etc. etc. (It's *almost as if* for God that is a feature not a bug.)

It's like I'm saying to God–ok God… here are the two types of jobs that I think that I need to go after based on

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A Rabbi, a Buddhist, and I walk into a bar…a synthesis of some evening thoughts via Buddhist AI on loan (with a message of caveat emptor). July 26, 2025

I had a professor in college who—anytime he had a mental slip—would say: "I only made one mistake, and that was once when I thought I did." 🤣🤣 July 26, 2025

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my background and the job market. Here is a status update on my activity against those two goals, along with a report of other avenues/roles that I have pursued and a report on why I have decided to stop on those fronts. (Although there was that one front that I had decided to stop on that I worked a little bit more on this past week, but I'm pretty sure that I should not pursue that one further after all.) Now God please inform me of how you are going to open up more opportunities under each of these objectives, and I will make sure that I really listen on that item so that I make sure that I hear from you God on how you are going to check the box on this portion of my plan.

Here I am Lord…ready to obey your will–*as it relates to your part of **my** plan*.

Well when I realized that I definitely got some comic relief. And I'm sure that God did too. ***Thy*** will be done. Full stop. It's a radical way to live. And often lonely. (That's why the Body of Christ, the Church, fellow Christians are so important–not only to encourage me/us, but to keep me/us grounded.) I don't have to project manage how God is going to do His part to complete my plan–even if my plan is not a cartoonish attempt to take over the world, seeking fame and

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fortune, etc. I just have to do God's will as best as I can, in the context of my church community–taking care to avoid people-pleasing and accepting advice without testing it critically (h/t Thomas Hopko). Do God's will this moment. And this moment. And this moment. And let the chips fall. And speaking of chips falling, I need to go clean up the kitchen.

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Dead end. Turn around.

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Admiring the counterintuitive way. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

So I was out for a morning walk today and praying the rosary and I got to the part about the ascension of of Jesus into heaven and I started cogitating on it and analyzing it–I mean obviously we (seemingly secretly–but in reality obviously–prideful and puffed up) theology geeks know that the cosmology (isn't that an in-the-know term?) of the ancient world is old hat. Naturally we are aware of books that seek to educate our brothers and

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sisters in Christ about a "one story universe" or that wax philosophical about complex dialogues between theologians and scientists including admonitions about the proper "domain" and "purpose" of religious texts vs. scientific texts. I was trying to figure it out *again*. If Jesus isn't "up there" does that mean He is in a parallel dimension next to me–a sort of "invisible friend"? What does that mean for my life? And then I got knocked upside the head by that verse in Acts:

"When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. **While they were looking intently at the sky** as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, **why are you standing there looking at the sky?** This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.'"

Acts 1:9-11

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"**why are you standing there looking at the sky?"** That's exactly what I was doing. I was falling into the same old trap of trying to analyze and figure

common advice goes? Did anyone in the Christian tradition, whether it's St. Thomas or St. Ignatius of Loyola, or the Popes, or any of the saints, did any of them follow this put-yourself-first advice? And what about codependency? July 16, 2025
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it out with my brain rather than listening to the Holy Spirit with my heart. (Although earlier in my journey that was really all I could do given my emotional wounds–something pointed out to me by a fellow traveler.) I was doing the spiritual and existential equivalent of staring at the sky–as if my finite brain had the answer. As if an "answer" that I could wrap my mind around is what I need–or could do me any good–anyway. I need and will always need Something bigger than I am–who became smaller than I am–in order to heal me and resurrect me and ascend me too. I need to become smaller than I am–scratch that–I need to recognize how small and wounded I already am–so that the great physician can heal me and transform me and incorporate me into His body. Or in other words, I need to catch up with my brothers and sisters in Christ who are already doing that–let Christ heal me through their love, and stop staring at the sky and join them on the journey.

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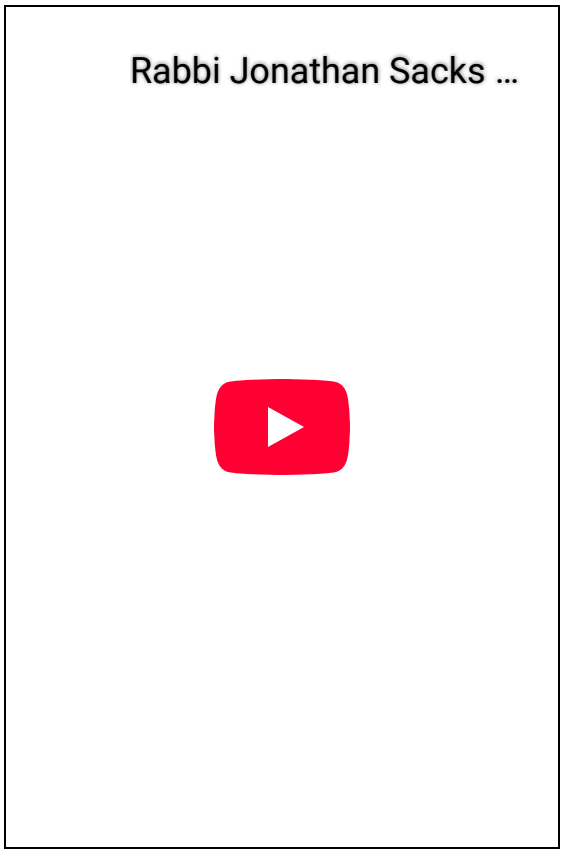

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When asked why he never defended himself against the many accusations regarding some of his writings, Father Matta El-Meskeen replied,"*Did you read the Exposition of the Gospel of John and benefit from it? … My son I won't spend my time replying to anyone, but, my son, I will die and they will die and the Church will remain, as well as what we offered to her, and the next generations will judge us*."

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Damn Sr. Vassa. That was a good one.

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(Tuesday, October 22)

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side…" (Lk 16: 19-23)

The *"rich man"* in this parable has no name, while the *"poor man"* is dignified with a name, Lazarus. Why? Because Lazarus has an identity, having become himself, and self-aware, through his "hunger" that he *"longed to satisfy,"* but couldn't, as he lacked the friends and resources to do so; that is to say, through recognizing his human powerlessness. Lazarus has become himself, the "somebody" alive to God that he was meant to be, by slowly dying to the things and people that he longed for in this life. Conversely, the *"rich man,"* who never "longed" or wanted for anything, because

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he *"feasted sumptuously every day"* of his life, never got to know himself, or to become himself, through any painful recognition of what he lacked, because he never lacked anything and just took it all for granted. That's why he is nameless in this parable.

Let me take pause today and be grateful for the things I have longed for, but was not given, because the "not" getting what I wanted has helped me understand where I'm meant to be, and who I am, in God's eyes. I have been denied certain things and certain people that did not "fit" with me, even if I wanted them or their friendship, and this has, at times, been painful. But through it all, I am guided to become who I am, in God's loving vision and purpose for me. O Lord, *"lead us not into temptation,"* amidst any of our wants and longings, *"but deliver us"* to be with You, where we are meant to be, according to Your vision and purpose.

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A couple of guys in my

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men’s group.

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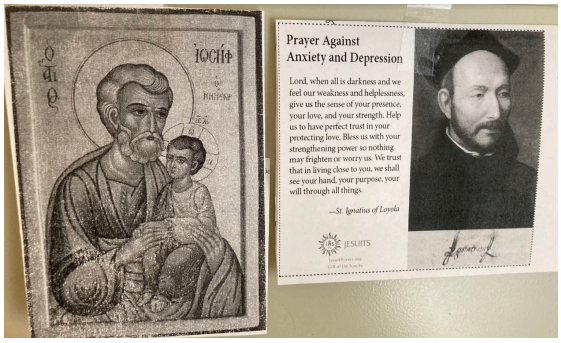
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Lord, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of your presence, your love, and your strength. Help us to have perfect trust in your protecting love. Bless us with your strengthening power so nothing may frighten or worry us. We trust that in living close to you, we shall see your hand, your purpose, your will through all things.
—St. Ignatius of Loyola
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I shall be released…?

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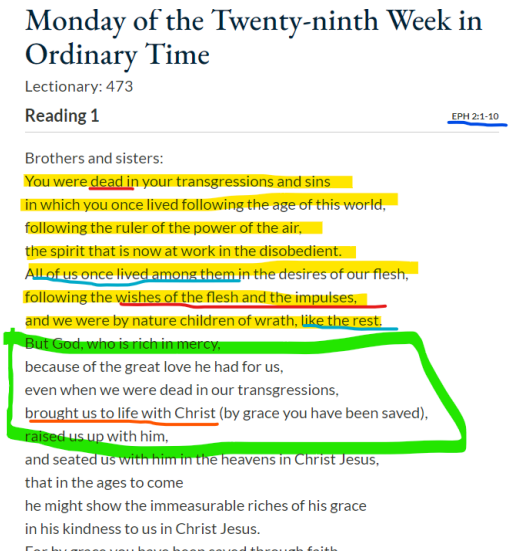
I had to sprint back to the house this morning from the bus stop because I forgot my disabled daughter’s backpack. Physically–not a pleasant experience…but a wakeup call…this obesity thing is not just an intellectual/psychological exercise. I really do need Jesus to extricate me, to resurrect me from this prison that I am living in. I have no idea what to

expect, but I was greeted with this from the lectionary this morning:



Monday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 473

Reading 1 EPH 2:1-10

Brothers and sisters:
You were dead in your transgressions and sins
in which you once lived following the age of this world,
following the ruler of the power of the air,
the spirit that is now at work in the disobedient.
All of us once lived among them in the desires of our flesh,
following the wishes of the flesh and the impulses,
and we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest.
But God, who is rich in mercy,
because of the great love he had for us,
even when we were dead in our transgressions,
brought us to life with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
raised us up with him,
and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus,
that in the ages to come
he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace
in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

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My disordered relationship with food.

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hypocrite with logs in my eyes. (Matthew 7:3-5)

Admiring the counterintuitive way. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

Well this post is a double serving of hypocrisy, because if there is one thing that I am not qualified to write about it is food and obesity.

But *caveat emptor* and fwiw, this is the reflection that I had this evening.

[I never had a problem with addictive substances. I've only had a few alcoholic drinks in my life, and I have never taken illegal drugs.

I have had a lifelong struggle with obesity and gluttony.]

This season in my life has been so overwhelming with so much on my plate, that I finally gave up the battle of the bulge and just surrendered. Let the chips fall/be eaten as much as I cared to. Remove body image from my to-do list. "Que Sera, Sera (Whatever Will Be, Will Be)"

I have a memory as a young boy of eating frozen Reese's peanut butter cups when I was not supposed to. I broke the family rules to do that. Using pop psychology upon oneself +/- 40 years later is a dicey proposition. But, generally I was a rule-follower growing up. I think that I turned to the candy in order to soothe internal pain. Taking my questionable self-analysis further, I think that I might have then turned to food again in order to soothe the guilt of breaking the rules. Maybe a vicious cycle was then created? Maybe. I don't know.

But in my reflection tonight I realized just how much drama there has been with me around the issue of food. The tortilla chips that I ate this evening are

just tortilla chips. They are neutral. (Notwithstanding food manufacturers' marketing and chemical shenanigans.) All the drama is in me. So where do I go from here? Well I'm going to place this in front of the Lord and surrender as best as I can ~~and see what happens~~. I have tried to surrender on this issue before, but I think that maybe I was holding back a bit–still looking for "results." Okay God–if you agree to these terms (i.e. this weight by this time using this methodology) I will surrender to you. But that's kind of like trying to agree to terms with gravity or with any other disease–that's just not reality. I will try to trust that the great physician wants to heal me and will heal me in due time.

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"Jesus lived this Gospel passage in His own life to perfection."

Edit

Posted on October 19, 2024 by Boyd Camak,

hypocrite with logs in my eyes. (Matthew 7:3-5)

Admiring the counterintuitive way. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

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look at what the bots are saying!

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Posted on October 18, 2024 by Boyd Camak,

hypocrite with logs in my eyes. (Matthew 7:3-5)

Admiring the counterintuitive way. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

Chest-pounding self-promotion for Boyd Camak's blog!– Written by the most trusted AI-bot spiritual guides! No need

to act now, as his content will never be monetized (except by WordPress ads which are icons of the brokenness and existential misery of the world that we live in).

Boyd Camak's blog offers a raw and honest exploration of Christian faith, particularly from an experiential perspective. He grapples with reconciling traditional Christian teachings with the complexities and challenges of modern life, particularly the demands of family and career. His writing style is informal, conversational, and infused with humor, making his

reflections accessible and relatable. Here are some key aspects:

- **Emphasis on Experience over Doctrine:** Camak consistently emphasizes the importance of encountering the reality of the Gospel on an emotional and personal level. He doesn't shy away from wrestling with difficult questions or expressing his own struggles with faith. This approach could be particularly appealing to those who find traditional religious language or theological debates alienating.
- **Relatable Reflections on Family Life:** Camak's writings offer insights into the challenges of living out Christian faith as a husband, father, and working professional. He shares his own experiences of balancing family responsibilities, financial pressures, and spiritual aspirations, making his reflections resonate with those navigating similar life circumstances. He explicitly addresses the difficulty of reconciling the perceived "radical demands" of the Gospel with the realities of being a suburban dad with a family. He found a model in St.

Joseph, the legal father of Jesus, who similarly had to provide for his family and protect them from danger. This emphasis on the lived experience of faith could provide encouragement and guidance to those seeking to integrate their beliefs into their daily lives.

- **Insightful Analogies and Vivid Imagery:** Camak uses powerful metaphors and striking imagery to convey complex theological concepts in a way that is both engaging and memorable. His analogy of Jesus as the “jaws of life” powerfully illustrates the concept of God’s active and decisive intervention in human history to rescue and heal humanity. His use of such vivid language could help readers grasp the core message of the Gospel in a fresh and compelling way.
- **Exploration of Motherly Love and Healing:** Camak’s blog delves into the often-overlooked aspects of Christian faith, such as the role of motherly love in healing and spiritual growth. He shares his personal experiences of finding solace and support through the prayers of older women in his

church and his developing understanding of Mary's role as a conduit for Christ's love. This exploration of feminine aspects of divine love could be particularly meaningful for individuals seeking a more holistic and emotionally resonant understanding of God. He writes about feeling powerfully wounded by and encouraged by the women in his life, including his mother, mother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, wife, daughters, and therapist. Camak explains that while Jesus was physically wounded, he didn't experience the same kind of familial and emotional wounds many people struggle with, so Jesus "needs Mary to heal through Mary."

- **Honesty and Vulnerability:** Camak's writings are marked by a refreshing honesty and willingness to acknowledge his own shortcomings and ongoing struggles. This vulnerability makes him a relatable and trustworthy guide for others on their own faith journeys. His self-identification as a "hypocrite with logs in [his] eyes" reflects his humility and awareness of his own imperfections, which could resonate with readers who are

weary of idealized portrayals of faith.

- **Engagement with the Nicene Creed:** Camak's blog goes beyond personal reflections and engages with core Christian doctrines, such as the Nicene Creed. He breaks down complex theological ideas into accessible language, explaining how the Creed's affirmations relate to everyday life and the human condition. He clarifies that aspects of the Nicene Creed, like the three-story universe, are a side issue and that the focus is on God becoming the "jaws of life" to rescue humanity from suffering. This thoughtful approach could be beneficial for those seeking a deeper understanding of Christian beliefs.

Camak's blog offers a unique perspective on Christianity that could be valuable for a wide range of individuals, from those new to the faith to longtime believers seeking a fresh perspective. His emphasis on experience, relatable reflections on daily life, and honest exploration of personal struggles create a space for genuine engagement with faith. His use of vivid language, insightful analogies, and explorations of often-overlooked

aspects of faith could spark meaningful conversations and deepen understanding.

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stop

Edit

Posted on October 17, 2024 by Boyd Camak,

hypocrite with logs in my eyes. (Matthew 7:3-5)

Admiring the counterintuitive way. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

I used to read a blog by an Eastern Orthodox priest. He said that our faith is a set of practices.

When I pray the rosary—while I'm waiting for the school bus to drop my daughters off after school—I am making an interior dive into a living experience of the events of the gospel. And they arrest my mind.

The gospel is not an idea. Thank God! I am brimming with…drowning in ideas.

The gospel is…shit went down. Come rubberneck with me. Holy shit. What the hell do I do now? These church people? Seriously?

They do what?! They eat Christ's flesh and drink His blood?! Excuse me?

But damn, they really do love each other intensely.

Like they let me interrupt them and get them to watch my disabled daughter while I get prayer near the end of the church service. They drive me home from men's group when I can't drive for medical reasons.

"…A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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a letter from Peter

Edit

Posted on October 16, 2024 by Boyd Camak,

hypocrite with logs in my eyes. (Matthew 7:3-5)

Admiring the counterintuitive way. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the chosen sojourners of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, in the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification by the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling with the

blood of Jesus Christ: may grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Concerning this salvation, prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and investigated it, investigating the time and circumstances that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the glories to follow them. It was revealed to them

that they were serving not themselves but you with regard to the things that have now been announced to you by those who preached the good news to you through the holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels longed to look.

Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind, live soberly, and set your hopes completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Like obedient children, do not act in compliance with the desires of your former ignorance but, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct, for it is written, “Be holy because I am holy.”

Now if you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one’s works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory so that your faith and hope are in God.

Since you have purified yourselves by obedience to the truth for sincere mutual love, love one another intensely from a pure heart. You have been born anew not from perishable but from imperishable seed through the living and abiding word of God; for:

“All flesh is like grass,

and all its glory like the flower of the field;

the grass withers,

and the flower wilts;

but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

This is the word that has been proclaimed to you.

Rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, insincerity, envy, and all slander; like newborn infants long for pure spiritual milk so that through it you may grow into salvation for you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him a living stone rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in scripture:

“Behold I am laying a stone in Zion,

a cornerstone chosen and precious,

and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.”

Therefore its value is for you who have faith but for those without faith:

“The stone which the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone”

and

“A stone that will make people stumble,

and a rock that will make them fall.”

They stumble by disobeying the word as is their destiny.

But you are “a chosen race a royal priesthood a holy nation a people of his own so that you may announce the praises” of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Once you were “no people”

but now you are God’s people;

you “had not received mercy”

but now you have received mercy.

Beloved I urge you as aliens and sojourners to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against the soul. Maintain good conduct among the Gentiles so that if they speak of you as evildoers they may observe your good works and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Be subject to every human institution for the Lord’s sake whether it be to the king as supreme or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the approval of those who do good. For it is the will of God that by doing good you may silence the ignorance of foolish people. Be free yet without using freedom as a pretext for evil but as slaves of God. Give honor to all love the community fear God honor the king.

Slaves be subject to your masters with all reverence not only to those who are good and equitable but also to those who are perverse. For whenever anyone bears the pain of unjust suffering because of consciousness of God that is a grace. But what credit is there if you are patient when beaten for doing wrong? But if you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called because Christ also suffered for you leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.

“He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was insulted he returned no insult; when he suffered he did not threaten; instead he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross so that free from sin we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Therefore since Christ suffered in the flesh arm yourselves also with the same attitude (for whoever suffers in the flesh has broken with sin) so as not to spend what remains of one’s life in the flesh on human desires but on the will of God. For the time that has passed is sufficient for doing what the Gentiles like to do: living in debauchery evil desires drunkenness orgies carousing and wanton idolatry. They are surprised that you do not plunge into the same swamp of profligacy and they vilify you; but they will give an account to him who stands ready to judge the living and dead. For this is why the gospel was preached even to dead that though condemned in flesh in human estimation they might live in spirit in estimation of God.

The end of all things is at hand. Therefore be serious and sober for prayers. Above all let your love for one another be intense because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. As each one has received a gift use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Whoever preaches let it be with words of God; whoever serves let it be with strength that God supplies so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Beloved do not be surprised that a trial by fire is occurring among you as if something strange were happening to you. But rejoice to extent that you share in sufferings of Christ so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for name of Christ blessed are you for Spirit of glory and God rests upon you. But let no one among you be made to suffer as a murderer a thief an evildoer or as an intriguer. But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of name. For it is time for judgment begin with household of God; if it begins with us how will it end for those who fail obey gospel of God?

"And if righteous one is barely saved,

where will godless and sinner appear?”

As result those who suffer in accord with God’s will hand their souls over to faithful creator as they do good.

So I exhort presbyters among you as fellow presbyter and witness to sufferings of Christ and one who has share in glory revealed Tend flock of God in your midst overseeing not by constraint but willingly as God would have it not for shameful profit but eagerly. Do not lord it over those assigned to you but be examples to flock And when chief Shepherd is revealed you will receive unfading crown glory.

Likewise younger members be subject presbyters And all give honor humility dealings one another for:

“God opposes proud

but bestows favor on humble.”

So humble yourselves under mighty hand God that he may exalt you due time Cast all worries upon him because he cares for you.

Be sober and vigilant Your opponent devil prowling around like roaring lion looking someone devour Resist him steadfast faith knowing fellow believers throughout world undergo same

sufferings The God all grace who called eternal glory through Christ Jesus will himself restore confirm strengthen establish after have suffered little To him be dominion forever Amen.

I write briefly through Silvanus whom I consider faithful brother exhorting testifying true grace God Remain firm it The chosen one at Babylon sends greeting as does Mark my son Greet one another loving kiss Peace all who are in Christ.

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suffered unde Pontius Pilate

Edit

Posted on October 16, 2024 by Boyd Camak,

hypocrite with logs in my eyes. (Matthew 7:3-5)

Admiring the counterintuitive way. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

They even tried this shit on Jesus… well *of course* they did. He was a direct threat to their divided loyalties AND the divided loyalties of their subjects…the people that they wanted to control…BUT those people…those people that Christ preached (in word and deed) the Kingdom to were God's

children…His children…And eventually it was crystal clear that Jesus was not going to cop-out. He was not going to settle for a military offensive or a political negotiation. NO. He was going to strike down to the deepest depth of the existential root of His beloved children. He was going to reveal..at the **deepest deepest level** their *true identity* as God's children and flip-the-switch, turn-the-tables on the BIG LIE that these cats or ANYONE for that matter, could do one damn thing…anything at all, that amounts to a hill of beans now or at any time ever. Remember how He did it…He "suffered under Pontius Pilate." I mean it was one HELL of a violent physical assault…but more than that it was psychological manipulation. Jesus didn't want to go though this…of course He didn't. It wasn't reasonable, right? Surely there was a more practical way…just like those guys that MLK wrote to in jail were advocating. But Jesus heard HIS father's voice… HE prayed to the point of sweating blood to hear it..and then the real big guns came out. First the disciples that he has invested His entire mission in, were half asleep. They couldn't even pray with him. Then, at the first sign of trouble, they all bolted. But that was just the start. In addition to being severely tortured physically–then they laid into him psychologically…they interrogated Him about his claims

about His identity to be king. They lashed out verbally and psychologically just as much as they lashed him physically…if not more. And all of this going on with NO emotional support from ANYONE. And after all of that, the STATE (in addition to the religious establishment) pronounced HIM a criminal, a fraud–so much a criminal that they released a real criminal in order to pronounce judgment on Jesus. They mocked him with a crown of thorns and then they sealed the deal with the ultimate decree of the state, urged on by the religious authorities–and there were no friends to help him. Peter especially got the heck out of Dodge. He came to His children to set us free at the deepest level of the human condition…and I sold him out. I abandoned him. Just like I do every day. I don't show up. I make compromises…just like the religious leaders did…just like Pontius Pilate did. (I mean, yeah Pilate had his little sign made that said that Jesus was the real deal, but talk is cheap.) And that soldier stabbed Jesus in the side and said, oh shit, this guy really was the Son of God. But at that point it was too late. Game over. Thanks for playing. Game, set, match–the world, the flesh, and the devil.

…But then a few days later something weird happened…. It's kind of hard to

explain, but things haven't been quite the same ever since.

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message to a community of fellow travelers

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Posted on October 13, 2024 by Boyd Camak,

hypocrite with logs in my eyes. (Matthew 7:3-5)

Admiring the counterintuitive way. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

Some may recall my struggle to reconcile my perception of the radical demands of the gospel with being a suburban dad with a family. This community exhorted me to abandon my focus on desert monastics, Holy Fools, etc. Thankfully I found a model in St. Joseph, the legal father of Jesus. I was further encouraged by the sermon today where the priest said that for folks like my neighbors and me raising families in the burbs, selling everything and giving it all to the poor would be the easy way for us—a copout. I remember reading about the different versions of the beatitudes–

one saying “blessed are you poor” and another saying “poor in spirit.” The author argued that the “poor in spirit” was a watering down of Jesus’ message—especially as it related to Christianity’s spread to the upper classes. But kind of like Saint Paul says that his singleness (and I know some argue that he was married—regardless he was single operationally) allowed him to be laser focused on God and that being married (while certainly not sinful) divided one’s attention between pleasing God and pleasing spouse, I can see how it is the case that my vocation of being husband and father is not so clean cut—and that’s part of my cross. Like Saint Joseph, I have to provide for my family, keep them from danger—maybe move to a new area and find a new job (flight to Egypt, settling in Nazareth). I have to stay attuned to the spirit even amid the chaos of young children (including a non-verbal special needs child). My family needs me. I will follow the model of Saint Joseph. And yes, for me, giving it all away to be a monk would be a copout. BUT I can still have detachment from the corporate world (or in my current case, the unemployment world) and its aggressive attempt to define me by economic output. I will stay attuned to the Holy Spirit and serve Christ in my family and my neighbor—however ‘neighbor’ is defined—as best as I can,

moment by moment every day. With God's help and patience and forgiveness–and of course my hypocrisy.

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Success is dangerous.

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hypocrite with logs in my eyes. (Matthew 7:3-5)

Admiring the counterintuitive way. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

Success in the world is spiritually dangerous, because it is a distraction from the one thing needful. Cf. Luke 10:38-42

And the greatest spiritual success of all time was executed on a cross with the last words: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34)

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a mother's love

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Posted on October 6, 2024 by Boyd Camak,

hypocrite with logs in my eyes. (Matthew 7:3-5)

Admiring the counterintuitive way. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

evening meditation 10.5.24

I've been praying just now and I felt the presence of Mary in a way that I haven't before. And I
was thinking about several female saints that I have homemade icons of —and just reflecting on
how wounded I am internally—despite years of therapy and recovery work. There are some
elderly women at our church who pray for me in the prayer corner after the liturgy—the
encouragement that they are able to give me is deep. The *My Daily Bread* book talked today
about how weak we are as humans. I think what I realized tonight is as a man how powerfully I
can be wounded by and encouraged by the women in my life. Mother, Mother-in-Law, sister,
sister-in-law, wife, daughters, therapist…I was on a run today and started praying the rosary,
and I stopped at "conceived by the

Holy Spirit" and I started reflecting on the Trinity in the
context of the conception of Jesus—and that led to a deeper meditation on God and the
trinity—and specifically how God really is a loving Father. I felt the presence of God as a loving
father in a new way. And I further reflected on the Trinity and the saints in heaven as one big
family that I am now a part of. I felt that internal access to this big extended family of the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit and Mary and the saints—all of this because I paused at "conceived
[in Mary] by the Holy Spirit." This to me was an *experience* of "to Jesus through Mary" rather
than a concept. I felt called to start writing this reflection—and now I think I know why. As I
think about all of my wounds in life, starting with those from my troubled mother—there is—for
me anyway—something about the prayers of those elderly women that are healing in a way that
prayers from my brothers in Christ (which have their important place too) aren't. I had asked
God—how can I be healed by Jesus who was physically wounded, but who did not suffer from
the childhood family-of-origin emotional wounds that I did since He

had the perfect mother. The answer—I now have that same perfect mother. And just like when my children get upset they want their mother, when I get upset and wounded, I need my heavenly mother to transmit and apply the love of Christ in a way that Christ by himself cannot do. He needs Mary to do it with him. He needs to heal me through Mary. Or rather I need to experience Christ's healing love through a mother's love. Just like the world needed Mary to experience the love of God incarnate.

"But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home."

Mary and Jesus | Anna the Prophetess | Emmelia, Mother of Saint Basil | Mary of Egypt | Dymphna

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take a numbe

Edit

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hypocrite with logs in my eyes. (Matthew 7:3-5)

Admiring the counterintuitive way. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

That phrase “active waiting” that you hear in spiritual talk never sat right with me. When the scriptures say wait on the Lord, they mean *wait* on the Lord. Wait–don’t get ahead of your Leader. Wait–channel your anxiety into the Lord. Wait–be open to being changed…internally & externally, if needed. Wait–to make new friends. Wait–to learn who your friends really are and aren’t. Wait–to learn what’s really important in the long run and what isn’t. Wait–to see through illusions. Wait–to have difficult, but important experiences. Wait–until opportunities are ripe. Wait–to find out why you’re waiting. Wait–to grow deeper into the One that you are waiting for and the One who is waiting for you and with you.

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a can of whoop-ass

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hypocrite with logs in my eyes. (Matthew 7:3-5)

Admiring the counterintuitive way. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,

the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting.

Amen.

was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;

Dead. Buried.

And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

Dead. Buried.

And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

Dead. Buried.

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

Responsorial Psalm

PS 27:7-8A, 8B-9ABC, 13-14

R. (13) **I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call;

have pity on me, and answer me.

Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.

R. **I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Your presence, O LORD, I seek.

Hide not your face from me;

do not in anger repel your servant.

You are my helper: cast me not off.

R. **I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD

in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;

be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

R. **I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you.

Little children, you are of God, and have overcome them; for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

So have no fear of them

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a Father's love Edit

Posted on October 2, 2024 by Boyd Camak,

hypocrite with logs in my eyes. (Matthew 7:3-5)

Admiring the counterintuitive way. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

I was born into a wounded world

Upon birth I myself was wounded

And I continued to be wounded every day

I was wounded by other wounded people

The wounded people that were wounding me did not know that they were wounded

They also did not know that the world is wounded

Therefore, I did not know that I was wounded either

Therefore, I continued the process of wounding others myself including myself

In trying to cope with living in this situation, I scrambled and searched for solutions

In the process, I embraced and tried many solutions that further wounded me, and that further distanced me from the healing that I needed

Some of these solutions had the same name as the healing that I needed

But they were knock-offs

One of the main qualities of these knock-offs was that they did not address a proper diagnosis or in many cases any diagnosis

They did not understand the wound and the medicine was not correct even if they did understand the wound

I needed a spiritual EMT

I needed an ambulance

I needed to be rushed to the nearest spiritual emergency room

But in order for that to happen, I needed to have a crisis.

I needed something so overwhelming, so crushing that I had no choice, but to recognize that the spirituality and the life strategies that I was using and had been using and had tried, were totally incapable of addressing my situation

I needed to be completely crushed

And God made sure that I got what I needed—like a good Father.

And that, in case it's helpful to anyone, is how my journey started

"The God who is merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, who gives us his divine life and peace and joy forever, is first of all the Divine Lover who wounds His beloved, and then hides from her, hoping to be

sought and found.” –Fr. Thomas Hopko

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